

- Oxford C. 3, Wycombe W. 3

- WYCOMBE skipper John Delaney, substitute on the night, powered an 87th minute header into the Oxford City net to seal a fighting come-back by Wanderers in their Premier Midweek Floodlight game at White House on Wednesday.

Wanderers had twice trailed by two goals but the introduction of Delaney in the 62nd minute changed the complexion of the game, and City, who had dominated the first-half were desperately stretched when they faced the blinding rain.

There was a marked early slowness in the heart of Wycombe's defence and ex-Marlow star, Bobby Marcham, who was born, brought up and now lives in Wycombe, nodded Oxford into a 7th minute lead.

Ian Rundle and Vince Faulkner missed a lot of high balls in the swirling wind and City seemed capable of wiping out the ugly memory of the 0-9 reversal at Loakes Park last month.

The sprightly Wycombe attack showed its teeth for the first time after 26 minutes, when Searle's dipping header hit the bar and was hacked to safety by home skipper Norton.

This revival was scotched when Marcham increased the home lead, four minutes later. But Wycombe's response was immediate and Alan Malcolmson, returning from Scotland on another business training course, unleashed a 30 yard right-foot volley which Farris could not reach.

Five minutes after the break

the Wycombe cover missed another high ball and star striker John Woodley pushed Oxford into a 3-1 lead, which they tried to hold, and thus surrendered all the initiative.

Tony Horseman flashed round three defenders and the goalkeeper to score a great individual 60th minute goal, and manager Brian Lee pushed Faulkner into attack, when Malcolmson gave way to Delaney.

Fuschillo and Horseman were now calling the mid-field tune and Wycombe played like a revitalised side, producing flashes of their true form.

Goalkeeper O'Brien twice dived bravely and successfully at Holifield's feet but most of the action was at the other end, where a series of crosses, cor-

ners and shots poured down on the hard pressed home goal.

In spite of the pressure Wycombe seemed destined to fail until Delaney's saver, when the Great Britain man rose enormously to Horseman's corner and smashed the ball plus an Oxford defender into the back of the net.

The visitors then came near to stealing three points when Fuschillo missed lamentably from five yards and the dangerous Searle had a shot swept off the line during a desperate injury time scramble.

OXFORD CITY: Farris; Ramsden, Grafton, Metcalfe, Morton, Stoker, White, Holifield, Woodfield, Lailey, Marsham. Sub.: Stephenson.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS: O'Brien; Gale, Blunt, Rundle, Faulkner, Powell, Fuschillo, Pritchard, Searle, Horseman, Malcolmson. Sub.: Delaney.

Oxford—Marcham 2 (7, 30), Woodley (50); Wycombe—Malcolmson (31), Horseman (60), Delaney (87).